

The only change to the amateur service licensing system that would make any sense would be to increase the Morse speed requirements. Continuing to reduce the level of skill required effectively drives away talented applicants who seek challenge, competition and the traditional bond between operators that Morse provides. These people are the ones who have the gift of "tinkering" and they, like their predecessors, will produce most of the technological advances in the future. Killing the golden goose by destroying a system that has worked since it was begun is tantamount to treason. The terrorists would be thrilled. This country does not need to devolve the amateur service into an expanded, third-rate CB service. Any other changes to the current system would also produce a regulatory and enforcement nightmare.